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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: PULVERULENT REACTIVE COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR THE  
PURIFICATION OF A GAS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) Solid pulverulent reactive composition for the purification of a gas,  
comprising sodium bicarbonate and a caking inhibitor for sodium bicarbonate[, characterized in  
that the inhibitor comprises] and being substantially devoid of silica, said inhibitor comprising  
lignite coke and/or a magnesium compound comprising magnesium (hydr)oxide.

2. (Amended) The [C]composition according to Claim 1, [characterized in that it is  
substantially devoid of silica] wherein said magnesium compound comprises basic magnesium

hydrocarbonate  
carbonate

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SUB C3

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Timely correctly entered claim 2 new matter.